

Good on ya Premier:

“A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent.” (Quoting Douglas MacArthur) and Tasmania is fortunate enough to have one... Mr. Peter Gutwein. Thank you for the fantastic job you have been doing for our state lately. Your hard work and dedication has really helped us out during this difficult time. We just wanted to make sure you know how much you are valued and appreciated.

Be it be the four fundamental safeguards to help better protect Tasmanian's from the risk of coronavirus:

1. Increased Testing
2. Greatly enhanced tracing capability
3. COVID-19 safe workplaces framework
4. The unprecedented social and economic support packages to support our health, our businesses and jobs, households and individuals, and our community

Or The Ever- proactive response in taking control measures to flatten the curve and controlling the spread of coronavirus...your government did a splendid job.

Your latest press release about Tasmanian's Roadmap to Recovery brings back the hope to all the people in this natural state to explore the possibilities it boasts off.

We at Diverse Tassie will strive to contribute to this roadmap to recovery.

Tasmania's Roadmap to Recovery—Premier's Press Release:

Today, I have released our Roadmap to Recovery, outlining the journey we will take to rebuild a stronger Tasmania.

While I thank all Tasmanians for following the rules and helping to suppress the virus, we know it isn't going to go away overnight. It is something we are going to have to live with for many months to come.

That is why we have put in place our four safeguards – more testing, better tracing, rapid response, and COVIDSafe plans in order to gradually ease restrictions.

I want to be clear, we will keep marching to the beat of our own drum, and our pathway back will be gradual, careful, and always based upon the health

advice we have at that time.

Tasmania's Roadmap has three main stages, and a few milestones along the way.

Most importantly the easing of restrictions will continue to be based on Public Health advice and may change depending on Tasmania's circumstances.

From the 11th of May:

- Funerals, will increase from 10 to 20 attendees;
- Aged care visits, will move to one visit per week and no more than two visitors, managed by the facility;
- National parks and reserves will open to residents for exercise within 30km of their home; and
- TasTAFE campuses and training facilities may open for small groups of students only attending practical learning and assessment sessions.

Stage One is set to commence on the 18th of May subject to public health advice:

- Gatherings increase to 10 people (except visitors to households for any purpose which is capped at 5 people) for indoor and outdoor, including real estate, small religious gatherings and weddings. Funerals can extend to 30 people outdoors;
- Restaurants and cafes in all settings (including restaurants in pubs, clubs, hotels and RSLs) open and seat patrons of up to 10 people at a time. Seated table service only with social distancing;
- Border controls will remain in place, except Tasmanian residents can quarantine in their principal residence if it is suitable;
- Community and local government facilities and libraries will be allowed to open for up to 10 people; and
- Park exercise equipment and playgrounds, pools and boot camps open for up to 10 people

From the 25th of May:

- Kindergarten to Year 6 students return to learning at school;
- Year 11 and 12 students at extension schools and colleges return to learning at school; and
- Aged care visits, will move to national restrictions of two visitors, once a day.

From the 9th of June:

- High School students from Year 7 to 10 return to school for learning.

On the 13th of June

- Racing will resume subject to a review and risk assessment by Public Health

Stage Two is set to commence on the 15th of June, subject to Public Health advice:

- Gatherings will increase to 20 people at a time for indoor and outdoor area including restaurants/cafes, cinemas, museums, galleries, historic sites, religious gatherings and weddings;
- Funerals can have up to 50 attendees;
- Accommodation will be unlimited;
- Camping, overnight boating and shacks open;
- Open homes and auctions can resume with up to 20 people;
- Border controls remain in place;
- Gyms and boot camps will increase to 20 people;
- Beauty services (including tattoo, nails, waxing, facials and tanning) can open for up to 20 people;
- Park exercise equipment and playgrounds open for up to 20 people;



- Outdoor community sport^ resume, with up to 20 athletes/personnel; and
- Indoor sport and recreation^, including pools with up to 20 people with no spectators.

Stage Three commences 13th of July, subject to Public Health advice:

- Gatherings: 50 – 100 (indoor/outdoor) with the maximum allowable number to be determined by Public Health;
- Aged care homes will be allowed 5 visitors and multiple visits;
- Border controls will remain in place;
- Consider opening bars, night clubs and casinos/gaming;
- Markets to open, subject to Public Health advice;
- Food courts and food vans at markets open;
- Spas and bathhouses reopen;
- Day trips and camping for school groups allowed;
- Outdoor community sport^ to resume, with numbers to be guided by Public Health; and
- Indoor sport and recreation^, including pools with numbers to be guided by Public Health.

Throughout these steps vulnerable people* are encouraged to stay home and protect their health.

Gradually getting back to our normal way of life, while keeping the virus suppressed is going to be the hardest part of this fight.

But, as I have said all along, it is a fight we are getting on top of and I am confident, we will win.

So my message today to you is, thank you for all you have done. But, it's not over yet. Stick to the rules, wash your hands regularly, maintain social distancing of a minimum of 1.5 metres when you go out and download the COVIDSafe app.

We need to work together to recover gradually and responsibly, and I'm confident we will get our way of life back and we will rebuild a stronger Tasmania.

*vulnerable people includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 50 years and older with one or more chronic medical conditions. People 65 years and older with chronic medical conditions. People 70 years and older. People with compromised immune systems and people with a disability.

^ As guided by the AIS proposed framework for rebooting community.

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Hobart respects all



As a Welcoming City, the City of Hobart is committed to promoting respect, kindness and compassion.

hobartcity.com.au/RespectAll

Your contribution matters.

As a bystander, you can send a clear message that racist behaviour is not okay. Depending on the situation, there are lots of ways to help.

Be there

Speak to, sit or stand next to the person being harassed to show you support them. You do not have to respond directly to the perpetrator, if that feels safer.

Call it out

If you feel it won't endanger you, tell the person who is being racist that they're out of line. Sometimes they'll back off. Or perhaps they'll reflect on what you've said later.

Use your power

If you take action, others may too. You'll never know how much your intervention could mean to someone who's being harassed.

Report it

You can report racism or discrimination, wherever it happens, to Equal Opportunity Tasmania via their website.

If you're travelling on public transport, call on the driver to assist.

If the situation feels threatening, call for police assistance on 131444. In life threatening or emergency situations call 000.

If you wish to remain anonymous you can alternatively call Crime Stoppers Tasmania on 1800 333 000 in non-emergency situations.

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Who can be tested for COVID-19?

Call your GP or the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738 to be tested for COVID-19 if you have any symptoms of:

- a fever
- runny nose
- cough
- sore/itchy throat, or
- shortness of breath.

Testing is only available with a referral from a GP or the Public Health Hotline.

If you have serious symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, call Triple Zero (000) and ask for an ambulance.

Where can I be tested?

Six respiratory clinics have opened in Tasmania to help meet the demand for COVID-19 testing. The clinics are

located in:

- Hobart
- Launceston
- Devonport
- West Park (Burnie)

If there is no testing clinic in your local area, you can travel outside your municipality to have a test.

What do I need to do before I arrive?

These clinics are not open for walk-up testing. You must contact your GP or the Public Health Hotline for a referral.

If you have a facemask, please wear it to your appointment. Please travel by private transport if you can.

If you will be arriving by car and would like to remain in your car to be tested, please flag this when making your

appointment.

If you have access or other special needs, please flag these when making your appointment.

How and when will I get my test results? I'm being tested. What do I need to know? has more information about the process for testing for COVID-19.

I've had a negative test result but I'm getting worse

Contact your GP or call the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.

If you have serious symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, call Triple Zero (000).

I'm sick but do not have a regular GP

If you think you might have COVID-19 but don't have a regular GP/your own doctor, call the Public Health

Hotline on 1800 671 738.

What if I'm from overseas and I'm not eligible for Medicare?

Overseas travellers who get sick in Australia (and are not eligible for Medicare) often have health or travel insurance.

For those who do not have adequate insurance coverage, Tasmanian hospitals will waive the costs of treatment and testing for COVID-19. This includes waiving payment and debt recovery procedures for ambulance transfers of people suspected to have coronavirus, who are taken to Tasmanian hospitals for assessment.

These arrangements have been put in place to ensure payment issues are not a barrier for people from overseas with symptoms of COVID-19 seeking early medical advice.

While several drug trials are ongoing, there is currently no proof that hydroxychloroquine or any other drug can cure or prevent COVID-19.

The misuse of hydroxychloroquine can cause serious side effects and illness and even lead to death.

WHO is coordinating efforts to develop and evaluate medicines to treat COVID-19.

FACT: There are currently no drugs licensed for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19



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27 April 2020

Covid 19- Resources and Information

If you are affected by Corona Virus -Please use one the resources listed here

- Carers → aus.gov.au/carers
- Families → aus.gov.au/families
- Indigenous Australians → aus.gov.au/indigenous
- Job seekers → aus.gov.au/job-seekers
- Older Australians → aus.gov.au/older-australians
- People with disability → aus.gov.au/disability

- Rural and remote residents → aus.gov.au/rural-remote
- Students and trainees → aus.gov.au/students-trainees
- If you haven't received a payment → aus.gov.au/you-dont-receive-payment

Tasmania Corona Virus -Resources
Tasmania has a separate website which has information for local Tasmanian Communities.

Please visit www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au

Health Information

For all health related information please visit the official website and do not rely on unconfirmed sites.
<https://www.health.gov.au/home>

COVID-19 and the border

Updates to Australia's immigration and border arrangements during the COVID-19 please visit <https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/>

[homeaffairs.gov.au/](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/)

Food & Groceries assistance

There are various agencies providing assistance during this time if you need any assistance please contact us via text message on 0405668155 and we will guide you towards right channels

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The Tasmania Project

How are you experiencing and adapting to life in the time of COVID-19? What do you need and want now, and for the future? The University of Tasmania has established The Tasmania Project to give you a voice and to gather important information during and beyond the pandemic.

We are seeking Tasmanian residents to participate in surveys and/or interviews with our research team from the Institute for Social Change. What you tell us will help Tasmanians work together through the pandemic and support recovery for a strong future.

The information gathered will be

summarised and published weekly as a resource for those making critical decisions in response to the pandemic. By completing the expression of interest form below, you'll receive an email to participate in the study through online surveys and/or interviews.

If you are unable to complete the online registration form, please register your interest by calling (03) 6226 7542 and leave your name and phone number. A member of our team will be in touch to register you.

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A Day To Remember—My Brother A TRUE HERO

A day to remember those of our enlisted men who died while defending our country. When ANZAC day comes around we honour the heroic deeds of those who survived battles in spite of being faced with difficult odds and the number of the enemy that fell to achieve these ends.

The story I wish to tell is of a twenty-year-old young man, Warren Goddard. He wanted to be an exceptional pilot like his father and brother, so after leaving school, he joined the Royal Australian Air Force. He was a bright lad and was able to enter the Point Cook Academy, and after a year with a mixture of partying with his mates and trying to study, he found that possibly the emphasis should have been more on the side of study. Nevertheless, with the determination to stay in the force and be an Air Force pilot the option left for him was to join the forces Basic Flying School, training on Vampire jets out of the Pearce Air Force Base North of Perth in W.A.

Although he had obtained his pilots licence at the age of Seventeen, and before entering the air force, he had developed his skills enough to impress the instructors, and out of the whole course, he was one of only three that were considered good enough to fly fighters.

Things had never looked better for Warren or Bill as most knew him. He had a lovely girlfriend who was a qualified nurse, and they were planning to marry in the following month.

It was August 1966 and Warren had progressed to flying Sabre jets out of Williamstown, in New South Wales. The

Sabre he was flying was one that had been used extensively by the Black Diamond Aerobatic Group. It was a stormy night and one wonders why they chose to fly in such inclement weather.

From what we understand the gyro system, which tells you your relationship to the ground can be hard to read on this aircraft, and often under the conditions of having several G forces of pressure on your body and trying to keep your wits about you is a difficult task for the best of pilots. It was thought that he possibly found himself inverted, and thinking he was climbing but in fact he was diving towards the ground. In an effort to pull out of this dive in this aircraft which had already been through a lot in its life, decided to break up in flames. He could have bailed out then and there but the aircraft would have crashed into the city of Newcastle, resulting in multiple loss of life, so he held it up as long as he could, with the hope he'd make the ocean to eject. The aircraft was seen as a streak of flames heading East towards the coast. Sadly, young Warren William Goddard didn't make the ocean. He did eject but just too late to save his life.

Now young Bill didn't fight any battles in a far-off land. He fought a battle to save Australian lives right here in Australia as a pilot for the Royal Australian Air Force. The devastating effect on his family, friends and the young nurse he was soon to marry would be the very much the same if he'd been killed flying in Vietnam, but it wasn't, it was on our home soil.

If you travel to Newcastle and go to the area called the Junction, you will find a plaque that testifies to the bravery of this



young man.

William Goddard, who I'm very proud to say he was my brother.

—Rodney .G.

Now I fought in Vietnam with 6 Battalion, which was an ANZAC battalion, and I was in the thick of it, so I guess that

Buy Something Tasmanian to support local businesses

Tasmania's economy and local businesses are taking a major hit due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the necessary trading restrictions to keep people safe.

As a state, and as a nation, we are facing an unprecedented challenge that is truly devastating for small businesses, many workers and many families.

We know in difficult times like this, Tasmanians rally together, and we can all support local businesses by buying something Tasmanian.

The new Buy Something Tasmanian internet marketplace allows Tasmanian businesses to list and sell their products and services to a new and wider range of customers than they currently have.

Buy Something Tasmanian will help customers find the best products and services local businesses have on offer, and you can search and purchase from your phone, tablet or computer at home.

Any products you buy can be delivered or safely collected during the current contactless time of social distancing,

with the added bonus of no interstate or international shipping delays.

Many Tasmanian businesses already have sophisticated e-commerce services, while others may be making the move to online for the first time. This online marketplace is for all Tasmanian businesses, and it is completely free to list.

All Tasmanian businesses – large or small – are encouraged to sign up and build a Buy Something Tasmanian profile and start connecting with new customers.

Buy Something Tasmanian has been developed in partnership between the Tasmanian Government, the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Brand Tasmania.

To get started, visit <https://buysomethingtasmanian.com.au/>

(Media Release 6 May 2020 Michael Ferguson, Minister for State Growth)

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Refugee Communities Association of Australia Inc. Media Release

Tuesday 28th April 2020

RCAA seeks support to continue providing essential food items to Asylum Seekers affected by COVID-19 during Ramadan

The Refugee Communities Association of Australia Inc (RCAA) in partnership with Help Himalayan Youth Foundation (HHYF) has provided basic food items to support 40 Rohingya Asylum Seeker families during Ramadan. These Asylum Seekers are struggling to provide basic food for their families during the Holy month of fasting and are not eligible to receive any government or other support during the COVID-19 crisis.

The RCAA is an independent refugee-led peak national advocacy organisation providing a unified voice for people with a lived refugee experience in Australia. RCAA is active in every Australian state and territory. It has established the RCAA COVID-19 Relief Taskforce to support Asylum Seekers and other temporary visa holders and international students affected by the pandemic. The RCAA has so far used its own savings and contributions from committee members to provide the support. RCAA Chairperson Juma Piri Piri said "If any fellow Australians are able to help us support vulnerable Asylum Seekers at this time, please contact us so we can make a difference together."

Mr Piri Piri said, "From day one, the RCAA has been committed and dedicated to work with grassroots refugee communities, often left out, vulnerable and neglected. I am very proud my team has made a small difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable families overlooked by the system. At this unprecedented time of uncertainty, I urge fellow Australians to think of those temporary visa holders and Asylum Seekers with no job or income, who depend entirely on acts of kindness. Any contribution you can make will contribute to the greater cause of humanity."

While receiving a food package from the RCAA, Faisal Mohammad, Chairman of the Australian Burmese Rohingya Organisation (ABRO), said "This relief food package, especially during Holy month of Ramadan means a lot to our community. As Rohingyas we are forgotten people, and we thank the RCAA for supporting our community at this critical time."

ABRO spokesperson Aung Soe (Ro Habib) said, "We have about 60 to 70 Rohingya Asylum Seekers in Victoria on bridging visas who are not eligible for any kind of government support. These families have no job and income, and I am seeking financial and other support for them, particularly during Ramadan."

"I request RCAA raise our issue with Hon Alan Tudge MP, Acting Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and



Multicultural Affairs Minister and urge him to finalise these cases and provide protection visas so that they are eligible for support. I thank RCAA for providing temporary relief for my people and supporting refugee communities. As an organisation formed by refugees with lived experience RCAA will understand the exact issues of refugees better than any other," said Aung Soe.

Ms Hazara, also a Rohingya Asylum Seeker said, "I will do 1000 Duwa (Pray 1000 times) for RCAA for coming to my door with food when I don't have enough to feed my family in the most important religious time in my faith. I will use all this food to break our Ramadan fasting as long as it lasts."

Another Rohingya Asylum Seeker, Ms Begum said, "Until today no one has provided food like this to my family. We have no support from the government or Centrelink. This food will mean a lot to us, thank you RCAA and Rohingya leaders, she said."

Mr Piri Piri said, "While consulting our refugee communities across Australia during the COVID-19 crisis, we have also found a need for digital devices (tablets, laptops, smart phones) for students to study from home. Many families have only one or two devices but have around five or more family members who need individual devices to be able to study from home. I urge fellow Australians or organisations to donate if you have spare

devices in your homes."

For donations, financial or in-kind, please visit our website www.rcaoa.org.au for details or contact RCAA General Secretary, Parsu Sharma Luita JP on 0412 265 317 or by email: admin@rcaoa.org.au.

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Abu's diary

The diary of a free spirited Maltese Shih Tzu. Adopted daughter to a Chinese accounting student and a tall hairy social worker - Looks a little like a spring onion

Sixth diary entry:

Last entry, I got all fluffed up and melodramatic about the virus and how my privacy had been violated by my parents.

This entry? Well...I gotta say, I'm a little worried about things going back to normal. The rushing around, and crowds of humans invading my walks. Fred, the lazy fluffy mess of a cat who lives next door reckons human's love to 'out-busy' each-other. The busier they are, the more they can prove to others that they are successful and happy.

Seriously! That sounds like such a drain. I am the opposite. I'd gladly laze around for the rest of my life. My goals? What is my motivation for living? My bucket list? I hear you ask me...

Well, the thing is – let's look at one of my great loves in life. The beach: I love to let the salty ocean air caress my body and my dreams ride the waves which roll into the shore-line, before guiding them into the deep, majestic waters – where gentle whales that have roamed this planet for thousands of years amuse themselves at the naivety of the content of my dreams – how they must feel that humanity is oblivious to the currents of life. The push and the pulling of the tides that the waters experience, under the magnetic power of the moon. For these beasts do not dream but rather live their current lives as if in a dream. Knowing full well, that to be able to dream is a lovely thing but to create a reality in which other beings dream about - is the work of a God-like seamstress."

If I can be anything like the whale of the seas, I'll die a happy soul.

I hope that when these social isolation restrictions drop-off, I can run up to any dog I wish to and run my curious nose all over their fur-coat! But more than anything, I hope that my parents continue to bake yummy food together as much as they have in the past few months & that they continue to slow-down. Not too rush off here and there and everywhere.

Since slowing down, I've picked up a new scent from them. I think it's the smell possessed by creatures who aren't obsessed with joining the rat race or with fitting into a tight, really uncomfortable set of expectations of how to live their lives.

So, as I lie on the deck and chew on my dad's delicious slippers, I'd like to share a quote that I've just heard on the local radio which sums things up for me this month:

"Don't bend; don't water it down; don't try to make it logical; don't edit your own soul according to the fashion. Rather, follow your most intense obsessions mercilessly."

— Franz Kafka



We would like to hear from you!

The Multicultural Council of Tasmania (MCOT), the peak body that represents people in Tasmania with a culturally, linguistically and religiously diverse background, would like to hear from you -about what challenges and opportunities are arising for you and your community during the current Covid-19 crisis- and how MCOT can best address these concerns.

MCOT has developed a short survey which will take 5-10 minutes to complete. We would be grateful if you could complete the survey by Monday 18 May.

Please complete the short survey via this link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/MCOT> Survey

Thank you, your feedback is greatly appreciated!

If you prefer to speak on the phone about your situation or have ideas you would like to share, please contact Nico van Leeuwen, Multicultural Community Development Manager at MCOT, directly via nico.vanleeuwen@mcot.org.au or 0436 360 818

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- Food supply
- Free phone or zoom counselling sessions
- NIL's loans (done by zoom or phone)
- Online classes
- Obtain learner driver permit via zoom

FOOD

We have been preparing food items and cooked meals that can either be delivered or picked up from the community house. Everyone welcome to order.

All orders must be in by 5pm Thursdays for collection/delivery the following Wednesday and can be placed via the website here

<https://www.firstchoicefoodcoop.com/the-store/>

Or you can call the office on 6273 2362

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◇ One dozen free range Tasmanian eggs	\$5
◇ Meat pack (15 sausages and 10 hamburgers)	\$20
◇ Meat Pack (1kg mince, 1kg Boneless chicken thighs, 1kg drumsticks)	\$30
◇ Pre-packed cooked meals (see website for selection)	from \$8
◇ Seasonal mixed veggie box	\$25
◇ Baked goods	from \$3
◇ Delivery	\$5

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Thousands of Masks were Donated to Hospitals and Communities by Tasmanian Chinese Group

By Xiaowen Xing

There had been an outbreak of Coronavirus in northwestern Tasmania in the Mid-April, which worried a lot of people including the Chinese community here. As early as this March, they have been collecting masks and other medical supplies among Tasmanian Chinese people and donated to hospitals and communities. In late March, Geng Song flew back to Hobart from Sydney. At that time, Tasmania, which had already seen dozens of new cases, began home quarantine.

As soon as he landed and went through the security, he saw three airport police officers on duty, giving instructions to new arrivals. While filling out the health registration form, Geng Song started a conversation with them, asking something about isolation. Then he suddenly realized that he had been wearing a mask since before he got on the plane and had not dared to take it off. But the policemen were not wearing masks, exposing their mouths and noses to the travelers from all around the country.

Mindful of cultural differences about masks, Geng Song gingerly asked them, "I have some extra masks. Do you want them?" To his surprise, they nodded their heads quickly. Then he gave them two boxes of P2 masks.

The three policemen thanked him and put on their masks at once. They said they knew it was necessary to wear a mask, but they had been to all the pharmacies nearby but got nothing.

From then on, Geng Song set up a mind.

"Support our second hometown"

Back in Hobart, Geng Song found that most of the Chinese people on the streets were wearing masks, as were a few local people, or in other strange ways, such as hanging handkerchiefs by rubber bands over their ears.

He runs a coffee shop in Eastland, and keeps some of his surplus masks in the shop for customers to get free. Some customers told him that many of them wanted to wear masks now, but could not buy one.

"Australia is our second hometown, can



we do something?" "As the chairman of Tasmania Shandong Association, Geng Song together with a group of Chinese people in Tasmania, launched an action of "Defending Tasmania by donating materials to help fight the pandemic".

Without any public media publicity, they used the most original way as Chinese do to raise money. They sent the messages through WeChat groups among Chinese communities in Tasmania, and asked people to sign up what they can offer. They did not expect that there were more than 70 people registered in just one week.

Chinese and Masks

"When one is in trouble, others should help." This is a tradition in China. However, in the matter masks, the Chinese in Australia face a complex situation since this year.

"A lot of people tell me to stop, that it's too risky." Geng Song said that when he began to set up the action, he was opposed by his friends and families.

"What if they don't want it? What if someone with a mask comes back to you with allergies? What if the media

misrepresent the story?"

The worries of his friends were not groundless. In fact, since the outbreak of the pandemic in Australia, the images of Chinese and masks have been burdened with too many misunderstandings from the Australian society.

As early as the outbreak began in Australia, the Chinese were probably the first to wear masks. When the production of masks began to recover in China, they got the masks posted to Australia through their relatives and friends in China. Many Chinese-Australian international transshipment companies have been busy posting masks from China to Australia for several months.

However, due to cultural differences and other reasons, some Chinese wearing masks in Australia suffered discrimination and even violent attacks.

Last month, two Hong Kong students from the University of Tasmania were out shopping when they were attacked

by a local Australian who punched one of them, dropping his glasses and injuring his forehead. The man continued to abuse the student while he was beating him:

"You have a virus!

go back to your country!"

It broke the hearts of most of the kindness Chinese people.

Eliminate Prejudice and Misunderstanding

In the second week of April, Geng Song finished the coordination and distribution of the first batch of medical materials. The first batch has more than 4500 masks, 11 pieces of sanitizers, over 160 boxes of disposable gloves. The second batch of more than 6000 are still on the way.

On April 8, the first supplies of hundreds of masks were donated to Hobart royal Hospital, through UTAS Medical School.



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All the materials add up to over ten thousand pieces. During last week, the first masks were donated to other community services such as nursing homes, churches and children's centers.

"A lot of these materials were sent by their families from China, so maybe each person could just donate a small amount, but they squeezed it out of their pockets little by little." Song said.

A UTAS alumnus Liangliang, who has been away from Australia for four or five years, heard about this activity from WeChat. He sent 1000 masks from China to Australia, and asked for 700 of them to be donated to UTAS and the rest to Tasmania community.

A community care center in Launceston, posted a message on Facebook last week asking for help of masks. They said because no masks were available at local pharmacies and asking for mask donations even by sewing of someone's own. The Chinese volunteers contacted them immediately after they saw it. A few days later, the center received 50 masks donated by Chinese volunteers.

From initially fearful of being misunderstood, Song now received positive comments from various communities and public welfare organizations. And recently he received a phone call from a Tasmania Home Affair official, praising the Chinese

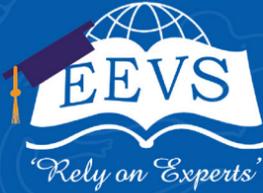
community's kindness, saying that they would report this to the state government and recommend to more communities.

Every step of this process is not easy for Geng Song. After the first donations, he sent a message to the volunteers:

"Sincerely thank you for all in this. We hope Australian could understand that Chinese people in Australia were dedication and sensible of responsibility. We are also part of Australia and want to help. Bias and misunderstanding should be eliminated. We just want to build a culture of mutual respect and contribute to a more equal environment."

"I hope it would have a profound impact on the building of a diverse society in Australia."





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Show Hope

Who is in Need in Hobart Tasmania?
Do you want to make a difference? During this Covid 19 season, international students are doing it tough. Our heart has gone out to those from the sub-continent: India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Casual jobs have dried up. Parents and family at home are facing tough economic times and financial support is hard. Some students have \$0. Others have a few weeks before their money runs out. Students are studying, feeling alone, and anxious about meeting weekly bills.

Who are we?
A group of us have started a project called Show Hope. Funding for the food and vouchers had been generously provided through Anglicare (Tasmania), and provided by: the Lions Club, Anglican Health & Welfare, Hobart City

Council and St Marks Anglican Church, Bellerive. Show Hope has an account through Anglicare (Tasmania). Thank you to all the donors who have given \$25,000 for Show Hope.

What have we done?
From the start of Tasmania's lock down (March 20th) we have provided hot meals, supermarket vouchers, and fresh produce every Tuesday and Thursday.

Volunteers from Wellspring Anglican Church and Summerleas Christian Church packed the rice and curries and gave them to students. We ensure social distancing and safe practices.

The curries are prepared by Chillies Indian Restaurant in Sandy Bay. Students have a choice of curries from: vegetarian, butter chicken, chicken curry and madras chicken / chicken vindaloo. Every dollar raised has gone to meals and vouchers. Grocery vouchers were given out to those in need along with a hot



meal. We have given out 100 vouchers per week.

We need \$6,000 a week for hot food and vouchers.

Fresh produce has been dropped off by the local community by 7 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays outside Chillies. Thank you for the fresh produce, rice, noodles and products. Our community is showing the heart that makes Tasmania great.

We have a target of \$75,000 to serve this community of international students.

Over the last four weeks, our community, our Hobart, our Tasmania has shown amazing generosity, love and hope to international students. Several students who have received meals and vouchers in earlier weeks are now volunteers. They have an amazing work ethic and want to contribute. We need to Show Hope to these students over the next ten weeks at least. If you are moved to support Show Hope, please go to the link <https://www.gofundme.com/manage/Show-Hope> and donate.

What is the need?
On Tuesday, 5th May, 136 students received hot meals and grocery items. An increase, yes, from the original 40 students (24 March). A few students have asked for hot meals for their spouse and young child at home. Freely given, with planning and coordinating 100 vouchers, a big budget item, remains a high priority for each week.



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Lest We Forget

Anzac Day --- The day which gives us all the chance to salute and thank our very own soldiers (our hero's)for the sacrifices they have done to defend our soil and for their unwavering dedication to our freedom.A lot to learn from their unrelenting devotion to the standards of duty and courage, absolute loyalty to others and not letting the task go until it's been done.

Diverse Tassie is fortunate enough to meet two of our beloved Ex-servicemen and thank them for their services and sacrifices they have done for our great nation.They were kind enough to share some of their experiences.

Mr John Galpin:

Joined Army in 1967 and Served as a Corporal in South Vietnam and had qualifications in all 3 requirements for a Sergeant on completion of his duty in

South Vietnam.

Memories:

“Like many of our War Veterans,I have good and bad memories of my tour of duty.The bad ones I try to forget ,but I am happy to share some of my good ones.

I remember the faces of a Vietnamese family in a small village,When I was on a MED CAP Protection Patrol.While our doctors were attending the villagers,I gave items to the children from my ration pack.**The old men and women and children smiled and an old man offered me a glass of rice wine.**

I remember vividly a sense of relief and thankfulness, As I flew home to Wynyard airport on a bright sunny spring Tasmanian day in September 1970 and I looked out of window at the lush farmlands surrounding Wynyard and

I prayed to God,” **Thank you God for bringing me home safely;Thank you Lord Jesus for looking after me”.**

Mr Norman Brundle:

Norman after serving in the Army for over 20 years recalls with pride all the sacrifices he had to go through.Even though it took a while for him to come to terms with leading a normal civilian

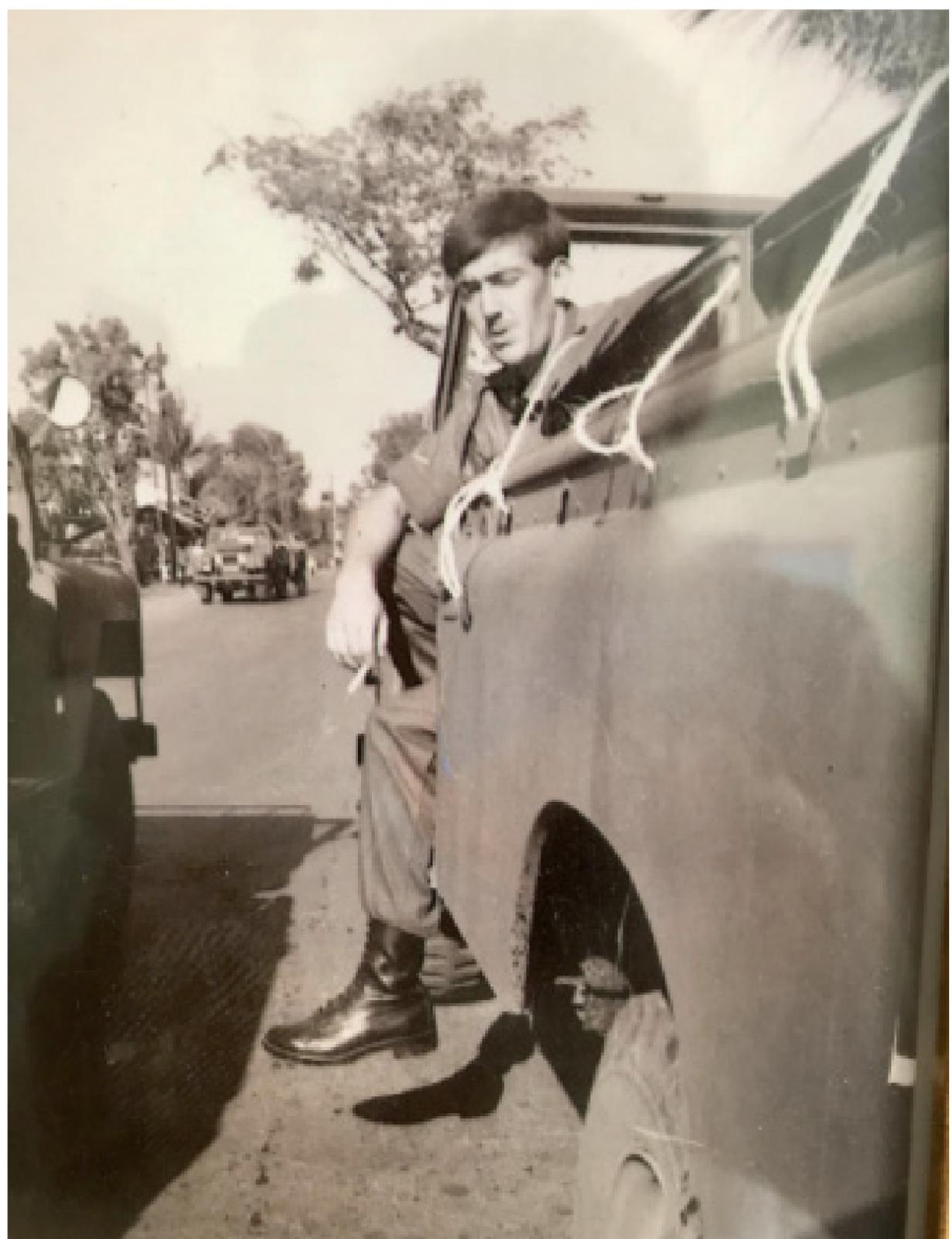
life,He still takes immense pride in what he has done during his service and in an unprecedented way says:

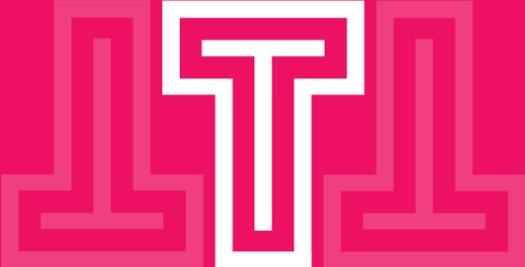
“I served for 20 years in various unit in Australia and overseas, would I do it again... YES”

We at Diverse Tassie salute our Hero's for fighting for our Freedom.



Pictured above Norman Brundle recording a Christmas message approx October 1968 during his posting to 161 (indep) Recce flight NuiDat south Vietnam. Army Aviation officially became a Corps of the Australian Army in September 1968. Pictured below John Galpin.





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Spreading Glenorchy Kindness

The COVID-19 pandemic has turned the way we live upside down.

But Glenorchy City Council has risen to this challenge with the local community during this difficult time. Tangible relief for our ratepayers and community kindness have been paramount to supporting our community as they face unprecedented challenges to their lives. Glenorchy Council, along with Federal and State Governments, continue to working together to find solutions to keep our communities safe and well.

At its March Council meeting, Council voted unanimously to endorse an interim community support package to help our residents and businesses by providing immediate relief measures. These included waivers on penalties and interest on overdue rates, refunding fees and charges for cancelled events, and negotiating with Council tenants to provide rental assistance. Council is continuously assessing the COVID-19 situation and will continue to consider further steps to provide relief to our community in the upcoming 2020/2021 budget.

We also recognised the need to reach out to our residents who have low or no access to the internet or other resources. While the pandemic created a surge of online assistance and help, Glenorchy City Council put together an easy to read booklet full of phone numbers and information (such as hand washing tips, food delivery services and health contacts to) help the most vulnerable in our community. These were distributed to disadvantages suburbs including Glenorchy, Goodwood and Chigwell. Council's youth officers also put together packs for families with young children with activities, colouring and books to help them entertain the little ones while staying home.

When the restrictions around visitation to aged care facilities were announced, Council reached out to the aged care homes in our municipality and, with their consent, encouraged the community to send them pictures, cards and letters to brighten the days of the residents .

Kindness cards have also been sent around the community for those who wanted to safely contact a neighbor who was self-isolating or in need of help with jobs like such as collecting mail, dog walking or buying groceries. Cards can be left in the mailboxes and the recipient can choose to seek help if they wish.

For local businesses, a brand new Council initiative is being launched this month to provide support and promote buying local. Activity City is a platform for local Glenorchy business to promote their services, products and brands. This initiative also provides a one-stop-shop for our local businesses to access vital information about business grants,



free marketing advice and COVID-19 information to help them continue running through the pandemic. Activity City also allows local residents to access a comprehensive local business directory and find their new favourite coffee shop, retailer or nearby services right on their doorstep.

Glenorchy Council Mayor, Kristie Johnston started a simple act of kindness on her own with 'Storytime with the Mayor'. With COVID-19 restrictions leaving her unable to attend many meetings and events, Mayor Johnston spends a few minutes each morning reading children's books live on Council's Facebook page. Many families now tune in to listen, and our hope is that it gives people a small bit of relief during their long days at home.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been devastating to our way of life and how we socialise with each other. However, it has also forced us all to be more accountable to maintain our connections, reach out to our neighbours and do the right thing by the community.

Glenorchy Council will continue to provide solutions and support to our community during this difficult time and beyond.

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New Meal Delivery Service for older Hobartians

Migrant Resource Centre Tasmania (MRC Tas) is excited to utilise its social enterprise kitchen to provide a meal delivery service for older Tasmanians living in Hobart and surrounding suburbs.

As part of the MRC Tas Aged Care Meal Delivery Service, anyone registered with My Aged Care or HACC can order meals prepared in the kitchen at MRC Tas to be delivered to their door.

Food Manager Megan Quill said the service offers a changing weekly menu consisting of low-cost, nutritious, and tasty food created with cultural consideration and national health guidelines in mind.

“Meals include a soup and a main course and are delivered chilled once per week. Multiple meals may be ordered, and they are suitable for freezing,” Ms Quill said.

MRC Tas provides Aged Care services to support older people, particularly those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, to help them to live independently and remain connected with their community.

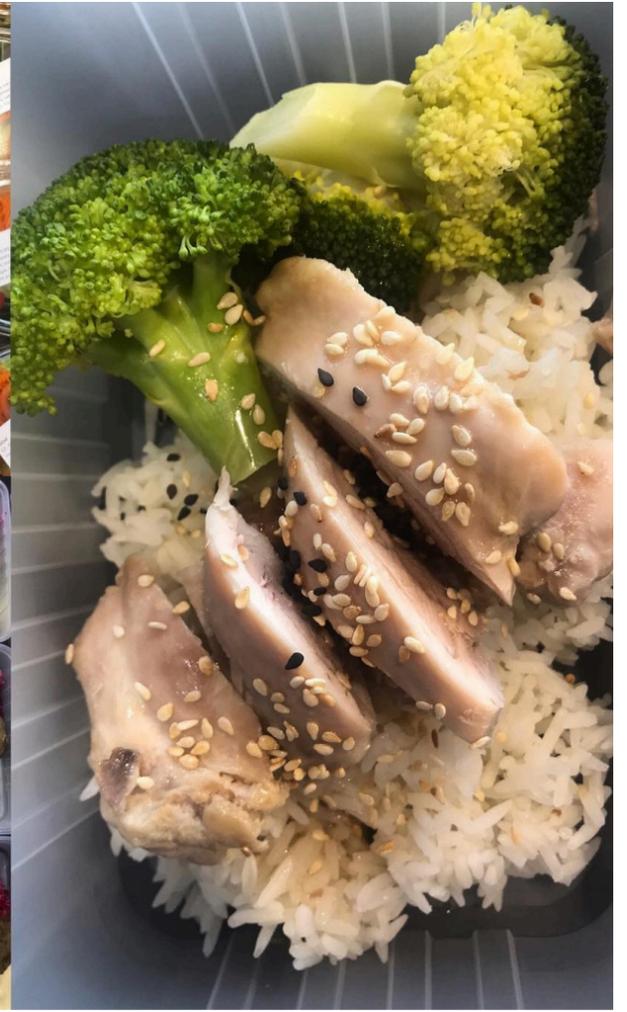
Ordinarily, meals are provided to clients as part of day centre social

activities, which are currently unable to run due to COVID-19. MRC Tasmania has rapidly adapted the way in which it provides support to clients. Day Centre Coordinator Nicole Turner said she recently delivered the first round of meals to clients.

“Providing meals to clients also served as a good opportunity to simply check in and see how they are doing. One lady enjoyed her meal so much that she called soon after her delivery to order for next week as well,” Ms Turner said.

The MRC Tas social enterprise kitchen has been running a cafe and catering service out of the KGV Sports and Community Centre in Glenorchy since May 2019. The kitchen provides people from migrant and refugee backgrounds with an opportunity to undertake practical workplace experience, providing a valuable pathway to employment.

For more information or to register interest in the project, please email Ruth Osborne at meals@mrctas.org.au or call 03 6221 0999. Visit the MRC Tas Facebook page for updates on other exciting offerings from the Kitchen.



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Beyoncé parody (who run the world)

By Mike McGuire

Soapy, powerful soap, we run this motha, yeah

Soaps, we run this motha, soaps

Who run the world?
SOAP (ethanol infused)

Who run the world?
SOAP

Who run the world?
SOAP

Who run this motha?
Washing your hands

Who run this motha?

Social distancing

Who run this motha?
1.5 metres

Who run this motha?
Staying at home

Who run the world?
Board games

Who run the world?
Perfecting the chicken dance at home

Who run the world?
Imaginary friends at home

Who run the world?
Free soap!

Some of them think too much soap can lead to being too serious like the pope, but disrespect the germs you shan't, unless you wish for an early death wish

don't even try to touch anything
Soapy fun is better than any crazy beat
This is what helped me to be the cleanest coolest kind of person, eager to stay home and eat all that is tasty!

This goes out to all of us

Let us stay home and rock to the beat of them nasty germs dropping dead at our feet
who will buy it for themselves
And get more money later

I think I need a bubble bath
None of them germs could bite me
I'm so good with this,
I remind you I'm so good with this

My soapy persuasions can build a nation
Endless washing. Our love we can devour that powerful ethanol will do anything for me

Who run the world?
Soap, (infused with ethanol)

Who run the world?
Our creative minds

Who run the world?
Loving our home-life

Who run the world?
Loving each-other

Who run the world?
Loving soap

Who run this motha?
Sticking together

Who run this motha?
Getting qualified in "how to be hygienic"

Who run this motha?
Beyonce

Who run this motha?
Helping our most vulnerable

Who run the world?
Re-evaluating our lives

Who run the world?
Not rushing back to nasty old habits

Who run the world?
Cleaner energy

Who run the world?
More trees and less greedy scum-bags

It's hot up in here
DJ don't be scared
To run this,
Run this back

I'm repping for the community spirit that is taking over the world
Have me grow some soap for the non-believers

Anyone washing
I'll let you know
what time it is, check
do it again

I wrote my 9 to 5
Gotta cop my cheque
This goes out to all
those putting the hard yards in

Get on your grind
To the other people
That respect what I do
Please accept my soapy shine

You know you love it
How we're smart enough
To kill that virus
Strong enough to stay at home

Then get back to home

See, you better not get too close to me.

My soapy persuasion can build a nation
Endless washing
Our love we can devour
that soapy ethanol will do it for me

Who run the world?
Heaps of water

Who run the world?
Home-made soap (with ethanol)

Who run the world?
Sanitiser!

Who run the world?
Love and care for each-other

Who are we?
What do we run?
We keep clean! We are home-bodies

Who are we?
What we brought?
We are each-other, we are one!

Equal Opportunity Tasmania

COVID 19 and discrimination law

Your rights and responsibilities

Discrimination is against the law in Tasmania in a number of areas, including:

- Employment (paid and unpaid work)
- Providing goods and services
- Education (schools and universities)
- Accommodation, including rentals

Your rights during the pandemic

During the pandemic, and various shutdowns, you have the right to live and work in a discrimination and harassment free environment.

You have the right not to be discriminated against because of your race, disability, family responsibilities and a number of other grounds.

Disability includes any medical condition, including coronavirus (COVID-19).

It is also against the law to treat someone less favourably because you think that they have coronavirus.

Examples of unlawful discrimination and prohibited conduct

- Making racist comments towards people because of their race. Race includes a person's skin colour, nationality, ethnic background and immigrant status.
- Requiring employees to undergo a test for coronavirus, when they do not meet the current testing criteria (have returned from overseas travel, disembarked from a cruise ship or had close contact with a confirmed case).
- Reducing someone's hours or terminating someone's employment because they have coronavirus, or are caring for a child or relative who is in isolation, or who has coronavirus.
- Refusing to rent a property to someone because of their race, or because they have coronavirus.
- Cancelling a rental contract/agreement because you think someone may get coronavirus because that person is a nurse, doctor or health care worker.

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- Refusing to serve a customer because of their race, or because they are wearing a mask.
- Depending on medical advice, not allowing an employee to work from home who is older or is vulnerable to coronavirus because of their health or because they are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Your responsibilities during the pandemic

- You have a responsibility to follow all the latest public health advice and laws related to managing the pandemic.
- You have a responsibility not to discriminate, engage in offensive, humiliating, insulting, intimidating or ridiculing conduct, or incite hatred towards people because of their race or presumed disability (including if you think they have coronavirus).

If you have any questions or would like to lodge a complaint, please contact Equal Opportunity Tasmania on 6165 7515 or 1300 305 062 or e-mail: office@equalopportunity.tas.gov.au.

This brochure will be updated regularly as the situation changes.

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Hobart's Resilience

This period has been disruptive for everyone, but clearly there have been some people that have seen more dramatic impacts as a result of this crisis.

I have been in touch with a number of community leaders who are supporting the thousands of temporary visa holders and international students that are stranded and without access to welfare support.

Hobart Council has made space available for free at our Mathers House kitchen for the Sikh community to run their generous free meal delivery service.

I recently Chaired a Cultural Communities Roundtable that we help on Zoom. About 60 community leaders participated and we heard about some of the challenges people are facing. Many cultural community organisations in Hobart are working doubly hard as they help members of their community that are struggling to pay rents, afford food and access health care.

I have also been working with the Hobart Chinese community who are feeling particularly vulnerable because of some racist attitudes about people Chinese heritage and appearance being the cause of Coronavirus. We have had a few zoom meetings, including with Tasmania's Anti-Discrimination Commissioner, Sarah Bolt who is keen to understand any racist experiences people may have had in the last few weeks. Its really important to report any racism you see

or experience using this form - <https://equalopportunity.tas.gov.au/resources/forms/report-it>

But of course if you experience a violent or abusive attack, please report it immediately to the Tasmanian Police.

The Council is working to help the Hobart community get back on its feet – if you live or have a business in the City of Hobart area you might like to apply for either our Business Grants to help pay for \$700 of professional advice in dealing with the crisis. See - <https://www.hobartcity.com.au/Community/Grants-and-funding/Business-Grants>

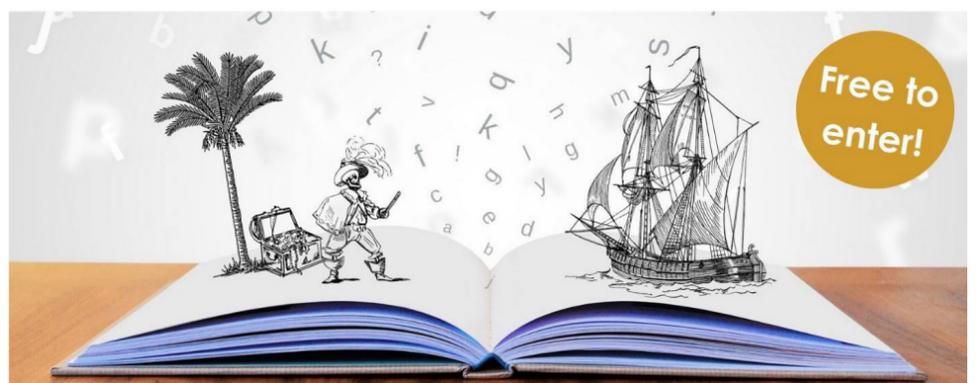
Or if you have a creative or community project to help the community deal with or recover from the crisis apply for one of these larger grants - <https://www.hobartcity.com.au/Community/Grants-and-funding/resilient-hobart-grants>

Anna Reynolds

Lord Mayor of Hobart



MRC Tas STORYTELLING Competition



Open to anyone
aged 6 - 18 years
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Do you love telling stories? Submit a story using any medium - video, creative writing, audio, music, photography, art... it's up to you!

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Entries close 31 May 2020. Register now!

For more information and to register email communitydevelopment@mrc-tas.org.au or call 03 6221 0999. Winning entries will be announced and showcased on the MRC Tasmania website and Facebook page during Refugee Week 2020.



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

A simple and easy way to make this authentic world famous Hyderabadi Dum Biryani.

Cooking Method:

Time : Appox 1hr.

Ingredients

- lime juice - 1 tablespoon.
- Black cumin seeds - 1 tea spoon.
- Cloves - 2 numbers.
- Green chillies (chopped) - 4 numbers.
- Onion (fried) - 1 cup.
- Oil - 4 tablespoons.
- Clarified Butter —1 table spoon
- Salt - to taste.
- Black cardamom - 2 numbers.
- Coriander leaves (chopped) - 1 bunch.
- Ginger garlic paste - 1 tablespoon.
- Cinnamon stick—2 numbers.
- Basmati rice - 3 cups.
- Chicken thigh fillets medium pieces - 1 Kg.
- Yogurt - 2 cups.
- Turmeric powder - 1/4 tea spoon.
- Saffron - 1 pinch.
- Red chili powder - 1/2 tea spoon.
- Mint leaves (chopped) - 1 bunch.
- Bay leaf - 2 numbers.
- Coriander powder - 1 tea spoon.
- Green cardamom - 3 numbers.
- Cumin powder—1 tea spoon.
- Star Aniseed—2 number.
- Black peppercorn—3 number.

- Marinate Chicken with lime juice, ginger garlic paste, yoghurt, red chilli powder, salt, coriander powder, cumin powder in a bowl and leave it aside for at least 20 mins.
- Soak basmati rice for at least 20 mins in water.
- In a vessel on a medium flame fry cinnamon sticks, bay leaves, green cardamom, cloves, black cumin seeds, black cardamom with clarified butter and oil for 5 minutes.... transfer them into basmati rice and cook the rice...once the rice is half cooked drain the water.
- In a deep vessel simultaneously cook the marinated chicken till it is half cooked....now add the half-boiled rice and sprinkle the fried onions, saffron colour on the top.
- Use a lid to completely cover the vessel and let it cook for at least 15 mins on a slow flame.

And there u go the Famous “Hyderabadi Dum Biryani” is ready —Thanks Chef De Partie Venky.

